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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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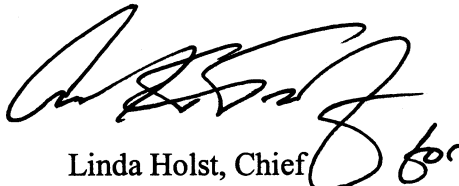
Dear Ms. Willhite:

Thank you for your letter dated May 27, 2008, submitting amendments to Illinois' water quality standards. The rulemaking adopted by the Pollution Control Board on February 15, 2007, adds a new Section 303.445 as a site-specific total dissolved solids water quality standard for a portion of the Des Plaines River that accepts discharge from the ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery in Will County.

According to our initial assessment, and as you mention in your letter, your submittal does not include a certification by the State Attorney General. As you know, the submittal cannot be judged as complete and we cannot take any official action on this submission until this certification is provided. Although we have already begun to review the material that you submitted, our official review and approval obligations under 40 CFR §131.21 will not begin until we have received a complete submission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if you have any questions, please contact me or Tom Poleck of my staff at 312-886-0217 or by email at poleck.thomas@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Linda Holst, Chief
Water Quality Branch

cc: Bob Mosher, Illinois EPA